Construction of Bridges by the Border Roads Organisation

1029. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct bridges along the borders according to a plan formulated by the Border Roads Organisation; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Five Year Plan covering 1985—90 has been formulated for construction of 103 major permanent bridges (involving a total span of 9655 metres), out of which works on 40 bridges (with a span of 4400 metres) are already in various stages of construction.

Two Bridge Construction Companies and three Soil Investigation Sections have recently been established in BRO in order to make a beginning on departmental construction of major bridges and progressively develop greater expertise in the field.

Activities of Extremists in Canada

1030. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the Times of India dated 20th December 1987 under the caption 'Canada nerve centre of Punjab hotheads'; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Government of Canada in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The newsitem relates to extremist activities of some Canada based persons of Indian origin.

(b) and (c) Government has been in constant touch with the Government of Canada and appreciates Canada's continuing cooperation in combating the international dimensions of terrorist activities directed against India.

Trainiig and refresher courses for judicial officers

1031. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any training is given to newly appointed judicial officers and any refresher courses exist for judicial officers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Institutional training is being imparted at the North-Eastern Judicial Officers Training Institute, Gauhati, Andhra Pradesh State Judicial Academy of Administration, Secunderabad, Administrative Training Institute, Nainital and Judicial Officers Training Institute at Lucknow. The relevant rules adopted by the State of Orissa also provide for an elaborate training programme. In the rest of the country, fresh recruits to judicial service are given training by being directed to work with senior civil judgse and/or district or sessions judges for an average duration of three to six months.

The Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, New Delhi and Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi provide for in-service training or refresher courses.

(c) Does not arise.